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RE ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES INTERNAL SECURITY DASH CUBA.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING REPORTED UPRISING
AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO IN CUBA. [ON AUGUST TEN, CIA, MIAMI, ADVISED

UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA, CUBAN
LEADER OF ANTI CASTRO GROUP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAD ISSUED CALL FOR

ANTI CASTRO CUBANS IN UNITED STATES TO GO TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EFFECTIVE AUGUST ELEVEN. [ON AUGUST TEN, MIAMI ADVISED THERE HAS BEEN NO

NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN LEGAL TRAFFIC OF CUBANS FROM MIAMI TO

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. [ON AUGUST TEN COLONEL MARIANO FAGET, FORMER
CUBAN CHIEF OF BUREAU FOR REPRESSION COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, ADVISED

CONFIDENTIALLY THAT DOMINICAN CONSUL GENERAL AUGUSTO FERRANDO, MIAMI,
TOLD HIM THAT DAY THAT NO FORCES HAD LEFT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR

CUBA. (FAGET HEARD DOMINICAN RADIO REPORTS ALLEGING FIDEL CASTRO HAD
BEEN KILLED, BUT POSSESSED NO CONFIRMATION. [ON AUGUST ELEVEN, NINETEEN

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FIFTY NINE, MANUEL J. DIAZ, PSI WHO IS ASSIGNED TO CUBAN G DASH TWO AND OPERATES FROM THE CUBAN CONSULATE IN MIAMI, SAID THAT ON AUGUST TENTH LAST AN OFFICIAL CODED CABLEGRAM WAS RECEIVED AT THE CONSULATE, SENT FROM HAVANA ON AUGUST NINTH, ALLEGING DIFFERENT POINTS IN CUBA HAD BEEN INVADIED BY BOAT. ALSO, GENERAL CONVERSATION IN CONSULATE WAS TO EFFECT SOME PLANES HAD LANDED ON ISLE OF PINES IN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE ISLAND, BUT ALL INSURGENTS HAD BEEN KILLED - THAT UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ARMED TROOPS FIGHTING IN BOTH SANTA CLARA AND PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCES - THAT WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN WAS PRESENTLY LEADING SOME TROOPS IN THE HILLS OF SANTA CLARA PROVINCE WITH ELOY MENOYO GUTIERREZ. MORGAN AND MENOYO WERE FORMER LEADERS OF SECOND FRONT IN ESCAMBRAY, ALLIED WITH CASTRO, DURING RECENT REVOLUTION AGAINST BATISTA. (RECENT NEWS REPORTS HAVE ALLEGED THAT MORGAN AND MENOYO HAD COOPERATED WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN ENTRAPPING FORMER CUBAN SENATOR ARTURO HERNANDEZ TELLACHE AND OTHER ANTI CASTRO CONSPIRATORS WHO WERE ARRESTED DURING MEETING IN CUBA THIS PAST WEEKEND, AFTER MORGAN AND MENOYO HAD FEIGNED COOPERATING WITH ANTI CASTRO GROUPS. (S)(u) TODAY FAGET STATED DOMINICAN RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MORGAN-S WIFE IS NOW BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY CASTRO TO FORCE SURRENDER OF MORGAN WHO ALLEGEDLY IS LEADING FIGHT AGAINST CASTRO IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE. FAGET STATED ANTI CASTRO CUBANS IN MIAMI FEEL CERTAIN MORGAN IS LEADING FIGHT AGAINST CASTRO DESPITE NEWS RELEASES ABOUT HIS COOPERATING WITH CASTRO TO ENTRAP] (S)(u)

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PLOTTERS. FAGET STATED PRESENT UPRISING IS INTERNAL AFFAIR TO DATE WITHOUT AID OF ANY EXPEDITIONS FROM UNITED STATES, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, OR OTHER COUNTRIES. FAGET SAID THERE ARE FOUR ANTI CASTRO GROUPS WITHIN CUBA UNDER LEADERSHIP RESPECTIVELY OF GRAU SAN MARTIN, FORMER PRESIDENT CUBA - MANUEL ANTONIO VARONA, AUTENTICO PARTY LEADER - JOSE ANTONIO RUBIO PADILLA, FORMER MINISTER HEALTH DURING CARLOS PRIO GOVERNMENT - AND ARTURO HERNANDEZ TELLANECHÉ, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR AND FRIEND OF PRIO. EACH GROUP HAS ORGANIZED RESISTANCE TO CASTRO. (FAGET BELIEVES ATMOSPHERE NOW RIPE FOR MAJOR UPRISING AGAINST CASTRO BY ALL ORGANIZED GROUPS.) [TODAY MM SIX THREE NINE DASH S REPORTED HAVING RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM JOSE LUIS PUJOL, LEADER OF AN ANTI CASTRO FACTION, MIAMI, THAT WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN REPORTEDLY IS LEADING A GROUP OF ANTI CASTRO REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE SIERRA DEL ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS. PUJOL SAYS THESE FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE CITY OF TRINIDAD AND ALSO THE AIRPORT LOCATED THAT CITY. (MM SIX THREE NINE DASH S HAD NO INFORMATION TO REPORT RE PERSONAL HEALTH OR WELL DASH BEING OF FIDEL OR RAUL CASTRO.) (S)(u) ALCIDES DE LOS REYES, PHYSICIAN, UNITED STATES CITIZEN OF CUBAN DESCENT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED FOLLOWING TODAY - DE LOS REYES IS IN CONTACT WITH ARTURO ILLAS, MIAMI, DESCRIBED BY HIM AS A KEY FIGURE IN ANTI CASTRO GROUP OF EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO. (DE LOS REYES STATES ILLAS RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A SOURCE IN HAVANA EVENING OF AUGUST (u))
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TWELVE LAST, AND IN CODED CONVERSATION ILLAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF PERSISTENT RUMORS RECEIVED BY ILLAS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT FIDEL CASTRO WAS WOUNDED IN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT LAST THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, AUGUST SIXTH OR SEVENTH, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE SOMEWHERE IN CUBA.)

SOURCE STATED ILLAS LEARNED ON AUGUST TWELFTH LAST FROM CUBAN CONTACT THAT FIDEL CASTRO WAS WOUNDED AND NOW IN AN OXYGEN TENT IN UNIDENTIFIED HAVANA, CUBA POLICE HOSPITAL. CONDITION REPORTED GRAVE. DE LOS REYES REPORTED LEARNING THAT NO PLANS FOR INTERVENTION BY JOSE PEDRAZA FORCES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT PRESENT, BUT IF THERE IS SUCH, WILL COME AFTER BREAK UP OF OAS MEETING IN CHILE. REPORTS HEARING THAT ARMS ARE BEING AIR DROPPED FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF CUBA. ALSO REPORTS HEARING THAT UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR TO ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, REPORTEDLY HAS STATED WIFE OF LATTER HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY CUBAN POLICE AND BEING HELD AS HOSTAGE, GIVING CREDENCE TO RUMORS THAT ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO IS FIGHTING AGAINST CUBAN GOVERNMENT FORCES. ON AUGUST THIRTEENTH LAST RICHARD B. JAFFE, PILOT AND CLOSE CONFIDANT ROLANDO MASFERRER, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR AND POLITICAL EXILE, MIAMI, FURNISHED FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIALLY. JAFFE NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PSI. ROLANDO MASFERRER IS A PRINCIPAL IN ANTI CASTRO ACTIVITIES, MIAMI. MASFERRER HAS VAST NETWORK OF SOURCES AND FRIENDS WITHIN CUBA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. MASFERRER HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN IS FIGHTING IN THE

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SIERRA DEL ESCAMBRAY AS A LEADER OF ANTI CASTRO FORCES. ONE CAPTAIN FNU VARGA OR VARGAS IS LEADING A GROUP OF ANTI CASTRO FORCES CONSISTING OF THREE HUNDRED TO FOUR HUNDRED MEN. PRINCIPAL FIGHTING REPORTEDLY IN TEN MILE AREA NEAR TRINIDAD, FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH EAST OF CIENFUEGOS. MASFERRER HAS STATED THERE IS SOME SPORADIC FIGHTING NEAR CUMANAYAGA, EAST OF CIENFUEGOS. A COURIER CAME FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LAST FEW DAYS AND REPORTED TO MASFERRER THAT SUPPLIES ARE BEING AIR DROPPED FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO AN AREA NEAR TRINIDAD. MASFERRER REPORTED LEARNING THAT ONE OF CASTRO-S SISTERS AND AN UNCLE, NAMES UNKNOWN TO JAFFE, BOTH OF WHOM ARE OUTSIDE CUBA, ARE PRESENTLY ON THEIR WAY TO HAVANA FOR UNSTATED PURPOSE. CAMILO CIENFUEGOS, CHIEF OF CUBAN ARMY, AND FOUR LIEUTENANTS, REPORTEDLY ARE WILLING TO JOIN ANTI CASTRO FORCES FOR A PRICE. JAFFE REPORTS MASFERRER, AT ONE TIME, HAD PLANNED BUILD UP GROUP OF MEN AND SUPPLIES NEAR TRINIDAD IN MOUNTAINS AND HAD PLANNED TO TAKE PERSONAL COMMAND THESE MEN. MASFERRER REPORTEDLY DOES NOT FEEL THAT GROUP IN TRINIDAD CAN SUSTAIN THEMSELVES WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. MASFERRER FEELS THAT IF AN INVASION FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COMES, IT WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO, BUT NO OVERT ACT WOULD BE ATTEMPTED BEFORE TERMINATION OAS MEETING IN CHILE. JAFFE SAYS MASFERRER SENDING PERSONAL COURIERS TODAY TO VERIFY MORGAN-S STATUS AND ATTEMPT CONFIRM RUMORS REATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CASTRO. MASFERRER ATTEMPTING TAKE ADVANTAGE CHAOTIC SITUATION CUBA TO FURTHER

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HIS OWN REVOLUTIONARY PLANS. LATER TODAY JAFFE ADVISED COURIER CAME FROM CUBA AND STATED HE WAS IN CITY OF TRINIDAD WHEN IT FELL, (PRESUMABLY TO MORGAN.) COURIER REPORTED PRESENCE FOUR THOUSAND INSURGENTS IN HILLS NEAR TRINIDAD. COURIER ALSO REPORTS LANDING OF TWO AIRCRAFT FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT TRINIDAD, LADEN WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION INCLUDING FIFTY SEVEN MILLIMETER RECOILLESS CANNONS. (TODAY GENERAL MANUEL BENITEZ, FORMER CHIEF OF CUBAN POLICE AND PRESENTLY POLITICAL EXILE, MIAMI, ADVISED RECEIPT NUMEROUS UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SIMILAR TO ABOVE, INCLUDING REPORT THAT MORGAN HAS JOINED WITH ANTI CASTRO FORCES IN CUBA. BENITEZ HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT MORGAN WAS IN RECENT CONTACT WITH FERRANDO, DOMINICAN CONSUL GENERAL, MIAMI, AND HAD REPORTEDLY RECEIVED OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT ANTI CASTRO UPRISING WITHIN CUBA. ABOVE REPORTS REFLECT TRUE SITUATION IS OBSCURE, BUT POSSIBLY SERIOUS. MIAMI CLOSELY FOLLOWING INFORMANTS AND LOGICAL SOURCES AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. (u)

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